

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MASAHIKO KUBOTA ET AL. ) : Examiner: K. Duda  
Application No.: 10/568,341 ) : Group Art Unit: 1795  
Int'l Application No. PCT/JP2005/012270 ) : Confirmation No. 3333  
Filed: June 27, 2005 ) :  
For: METHOD FOR )  
MANUFACTURING MINUTE )  
STRUCTURE, METHOD FOR )  
MANUFACTURING LIQUID )  
DISCHARGE HEAD, AND )  
LIQUID DISCHARGE HEAD : April 16, 2008

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

Prior to conducting the examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.